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CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF MINES REQUESTS

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF NEW MINERAL PRODUCERS

United States Bureau of Mines, in cooperation with the California State Division of Mines, is now sending out forms to mineral producers requesting statistics of mineral production in 1948. Figures obtained will be compiled in Washington, D.C., in accordance with the following provision of the cooperative agreement:

"The figures covering the total output of each mineral in the State, with such county break-down as is possible without revealing information obtained in confidence, will be sent to the Division of Mines as soon as the compilation of the data is completed. Figures representing the output of LESS THAN THREE PRODUCERS shall not be disclosed, unless the Federal Bureau of Mines has obtained in writing authorization therefor from the producers interested."

As soon as figures on total production of each mineral in the State of California have been compiled by the United States Bureau of Mines, the figures will be sent to the California State Division of Mines and will be published in the succeeding issue of this Mineral Information Service so that they will become immediately available to the public. At a later date figures will be incorporated in a bulletin that will describe in considerable detail the geology and mineralogy of mineral occurrences in California; the localities where they are mined, their uses, and their markets.

In order that these figures may be made as complete as possible, a request is hereby made that names and addresses of all mineral producers not listed in our last "Directory of Producers of Minerals in California" be sent to the California State Division of Mines, Ferry Building, San Francisco 11, California.

MINING AND INDUSTRIAL NEWS NOTES

Status of Unretorted Gold Amalgam

In response to numerous inquiries from the public regarding sale of unretorted amalgam on the open market, the Division of Mines requested and received the following decision from the Treasury Department:

"You are advised that unretorted amalgam would not be interpreted as gold in its natural state within the meaning of.....the regulations issued under the gold Reserve Act of 1934."

Consequently, gold amalgam may not be sold on the open market or to any firm or individual other than to the mint or to a licensed gold buyer.